

Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 4, line 23 with the following amended paragraph:

The closure strip 105 is affixed to the first substrate portion 115 along a first portion 125 of the closure strip 110 with a first adhesive layer 130 applied to a back face 135 of the closure strip 105. An first array of fastening elements 140 is attached to the back face 135 of the closure strip 105 along the second portion 145. A foldable section 150 flexibly connects the first and second portion 125, 145 of the closure strip 105. The foldable section 150 is a bendable region in the closure strip 105, which may include for example, a living hinge, a fold or crease along the closure strip 105. The closure base 110 is affixed to the second portion of substrate 120 with a second adhesive layer 155 applied to a back face 157, of the closure base 110. ~~An~~ A second array of fastening elements 160 is attached to the back face 157 of the closure base 110 along a first portion 170. In some presently preferred embodiments, one of the first or second arrays of fastening elements 140, 160 are loop-engageable fastening elements and the other are hook-engageable fastening elements. In some embodiments, the loop-engageable fastening elements are integrally molded with the closure strip 105 or closure base 110.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 30 with the following amended paragraph:

A frangible burst membrane 460 may be provided across the opening 415 to preserve the freshness of the contents before the initial opening of the bag, for transport, retail display and to provide a tamper-evident indicator. Alternatively, as shown in Fig. 6A, the frangible burst membrane 460 may be provided over the fastener 400 with the closure flap 405 in an upward position (~~not shown~~). The frangible burst membrane 460 may include a preferential tear line 465 to facilitate easier opening of the membrane 460.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 14 with the following amended paragraph:

In another example, shown in FIG. 6D, the conical pour spout ~~426~~427 is configured for receiving a fitment 470. The inserted end of the fitment 470 is tapered for engaging an inner surface of the conical pour spout 427. The fitment 470 can facilitate the ingress or egress of the contents of the package, as will be described below. In one example, the pour spout 427 includes fastening elements (not shown) for engagement with the first array of fastening elements 420 attached to the back of the closure flap 405. In another example, the conical pour spout 427 can be formed to establish the pressure-fit with the fitment 470.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 9, line 21 with the following amended paragraph:

Applications of the example of FIG. 6D include the controlled delivery of the powdered contents of a package, such as a container for copier or printer toner. As shown in FIGS. 6E and 6F, a toner container 500 includes an opening 415 for the delivery of toner contents to the copier. The closure flap 405 is separated from the closure base 410 and the fitment 470 is inserted into the now revealed opening 415. The fitment 470 can be the toner intake path for the copier. ~~In one example~~As shown in FIG. 6D, the closure flap 405 can be rolled back to engage a third array of fastening elements 475(not shown) on the fitment 470 to secure the fitment and/or reduce spillage of the toner. AfterAs shown in FIGS. 6E and 6F, after the toner is substantially exhausted from the container 500, the closure flap 405 can be folded over the opening 415 to engage the first array of fastening elements 420 with the fourth array of fastening elements 450 to reduce spillage of any residual toner.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 10, line 1 with the following amended paragraph:

Another example includes the delivery of debris into vacuum bags. As shown in FIGS. 6G and 6H, a vacuum bag 510 includes an opening 415 for the delivery of debris into the bag. The closure flap 405 is separated from the closure base 410, the fitment 470 is inserted into the now revealed opening 415. The fitment 470 can be the vacuum connector which expels the

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vacuum debris. In one example, when the vacuum bag 510 is full, the closure flap can be folded over the opening to engage the first array of fastening elements 420 with the fourth array of fastening elements 450 for disposal of the bag 510 ~~[[with]]~~ without spillage of the bag contents.